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For: **PROCESS FOR APPLYING A LAYER OF BRANCHED POLYAMIDE TO A
SUBSTRATE**

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.132

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.132, the undersigned, Jan de KROON, hereby
declares and states that:

1. The following experiments were conducted under my direction and control:

Experimental Set-Up

Akulon F 126-C (relative viscosity 2.65) was used as the non-branched polyamide. As a branched polyamide, use was made of a polyamide made according to the process of WO 00/35992, from 97 parts by weight of caprolactam, 0.62 part by weight of bis-hexamethylene-triamine, 0.42 part by weight of adipic acid and 0.71 part by weight of benzoic acid with a relative viscosity (measured in a 1 mass% solution in 90% formic acid at 25°C) of 2.80. This polymer was post-condensed in the solid phase to a relative viscosity of 2.95 and provided with nucleating agent and lubricant.